

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4-10, 13-19, 22-27 are in the case.

The applicant has studied the Office Action dated August 11, 2004 and has made the changes believed appropriate to place the application in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

The applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 12 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 11 and 12. Claims 11 and 12 have been canceled without prejudice. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from amended claim 10. Dependent claims 14-18 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 10. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 10 and 13-18 should be withdrawn.

Claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 20 and 21. Claims 20 and 21 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 22 has been amended to depend from amended claim 19. Dependent claims 23-27 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 19. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 19 and 22-27 should be withdrawn.

Claim 1 has been amended in a manner analogous to allowable claims 10 and 19. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1. Dependent claims 5-9 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1 and 4-9 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 10 have further been amended to change the term "conversion computer" to rendering computer. It is submitted that these further amendments are made for consistency and clarity and do not narrow the scopes of these claims and the claims dependent thereon.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that these amendments will not require a new search or raise new issues for consideration by the Examiner. It is submitted that these amendments place the claims in better form for appeal. These amendments were not presented earlier because they were deemed appropriate to advance prosecution after receipt of the latest Office Action.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to enter and consider these amendments after the final rejection.

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 14-20 and 23-27 have been rejected as being anticipated (35 U.S.C. 102(e)) by Heimendinger. Claims 4, 13 and 22 have been rejected as being unpatentable (35 U.S.C. 103) over Heimendinger in view of Bloomfield. The applicant respectfully disagrees. However, these rejections are rendered moot in view of the above. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 4-10, 13-19, 22-27 should be withdrawn.

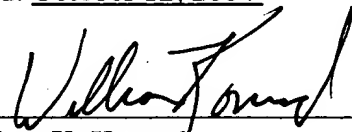
The Examiner has made various comments concerning the anticipation or obviousness of certain features of the present inventions. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant has addressed those comments directly hereinabove or the Examiner's comments are deemed moot in view of the above response.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1, 4-10, 13-19, 22-27 are patentable over the art of record. Applicant has not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7970 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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